



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

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Dear Soon-to-be Neighbor:

Welcome to the area. We appreciate your interest in wanting to know more about Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) national security facility, and Site 300. This letter is provided to help you learn more about the environmental activities at Site 300.

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, (<http://www.llnslc.com>) currently operates LLNL, and Site 300, for the DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration. Site 300 is situated on 7,000 acres in rural foothills approximately six miles southwest of downtown Tracy and 15 miles southeast of Livermore. It was established in 1955 as a non-nuclear explosives experimental test facility to support the Laboratory's national security mission.

Environmental activities at Site 300 involve the careful restoration of portions of the site contaminated by past releases of contaminants from various early program activities. The activities that resulted in these releases have been modified or discontinued to prevent further releases of contaminants. DOE began investigation and characterization of Site 300 contamination in 1981, following detection of contaminants in shallow aquifers on the site. In 1990, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) placed Site 300 on the National Priorities List for "Superfund" cleanup. Site cleanup is conducted under the oversight of the EPA, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. All costs are paid by DOE. DOE and LLNL have made significant progress in cleaning up contaminated soil and ground water and preventing further releases at Site 300 through active remediation measures. These measures include, but are not limited to, ground water and soil vapor treatment, soil excavation, and landfill capping.

If you would like to know more about these environmental remediation activities or any other aspect of the Laboratory's environmental protection activities, the best source for information is the LLNL Environmental Community Relations website: <https://www-envirinfo.llnl.gov>. It includes a link to the *Site Annual Environmental Report*. This document is published each year and contains information about the status of LLNL compliance with all environmental laws and regulations during the prior year including results of the extensive monitoring and analysis of water, air and vegetation samples in accordance with LLNL, DOE, and regulatory agency requirements. The *Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement* also is available on the website and provides a detailed look ahead at potential environmental impacts from LLNL operations. Copies of current Site 300 environmental documents also are placed in environmental repositories and are available for viewing at the Tracy Public Library and the LLNL Discovery Center off Greenville Road at the Laboratory's Eastgate Drive entrance.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Please contact me at (925) 423-3125 or via e-mail at wilson101@llnl.gov with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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